Policy & Research Intern

Buy Brightline is a grassroots campaign pushing the State of Florida to buy Brightline, a private train that runs from Orlando to Miami. Brightline's Florida operation is over $2 billion in debt and heading towards bankruptcy - like its parent company, which filed for bankruptcy in September. We want our lawmakers to use our tax dollars to buy Brightline and make it public - we deserve public transit and voted for it over 20 years ago.

We're looking for a Policy & Research intern to support our campaign. You'll research Florida's budget and appropriations process, previous state and local attempts to expand public rail, analyze public ownership and funding options, and prepare policy briefs and advocacy materials to help engage Florida's political leaders.

This is an unpaid, 3-month internship with flexible hours, ideal for a student or early-career professional looking to build experience in research, public policy, and government relations. The campaign intends to pursue fundraising to support compensation for the position based on performance and funding availability, though future compensation is not guaranteed.

What you'll do:

- Research legislative and budget pathways for state acquisition of Brightline
- Track relevant legislation, hearings, and transportation policy developments
- Prepare policy briefs, legislative memos, and talking points
- Identify key lawmakers and opportunities for government outreach
- Support campaign strategy through research and actionable recommendations

What we're looking for:

- Strong research, writing, and analytical skills
- Interest in public policy, government, or transportation infrastructure
- Self-starter who can work independently with minimal supervision
- Eagerness to learn and grow with the campaign

Come help us build the case for public ownership of transit!

Apply at buyBrightline.com/jobs or email your resume to hello@buyBrightline.com.